

**REMARKS**

Various amendments were made to claims 1, 11, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21 and 24 to address the Examiner's objections and 35 U.S.C. §112 rejections. Particularly, Applicants have amended the claims in accord with the Examiner's suggestions. Furthermore, Applicants have revised paragraph 17 of the specification.

**CONCLUSION**


In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 1-18 and 20-24 are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request early notification of such allowance. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to attempt to resolve any such issues.

If any fees are due in conjunction with the filing of this Amendment and Response, Applicants authorize deduction of that fee from Deposit Account 06-0308.

Respectfully submitted,

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